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NEWSLETTER

Welcome,

Logie Coldstone Trust is a registered charity which aims to foster active citizenship and community development. The Trust owns and manages Logie Coldstone Hall and is run entirely by volunteers.

The hall underwent major refurbishment in 2013. This year hall facilities have been enhanced by the purchase of a laptop and printer/scanner. This, along with our satellite broadband connection, has made it easier for people to come together to work on Trust activities, e.g. producing the newsletter and preparing funding applications. It has also allowed Trust and hall related documents to be archived and stored electronically. Kitchen facilities have been improved through the purchase of a dishwasher, fridge and freezer. These additions have made it easier to cater for community events including the ever popular monthly community café. The Trust was grateful to receive a donation of outdoor seating and tables from a local resident. Grant funding from Etape Royale Cycle Race and the Marr Area Top Up Fund enabled the Trust to purchase plants and the hall garden and outdoor area has been transformed into an attractive and popular space to enjoy some of our activities. A further donation to the Trust allowed for the purchase of more chairs which arrived, after a nail-biting afternoon, just minutes before the start of Aly and Phil's sell-out concert!

We hope you enjoy reading about our various community events and activities which highlight our resourceful, active and connected community.

Thank you,

Newsletter Team



Logie Coldstone calendars

Our 2017 calendars feature some stunning pictures of scenes in and around Logie Coldstone. Calendars are £7 each and would make a lovely gift. They will be on sale at the Christmas Fair, community café and can be ordered by contacting Joyce at lctrust2012@gmail.com or 07771715293.

Upcoming events

LC Trust AGM, LC Hall

Monday 28th November, 8pm

LC School Nativity Play, LC Hall

Thursday 15th December, 1.30pm

Hogmanay Party, LC Hall

Thursday 31st December, from 7:30pm

Burns Supper, LC Hall

Saturday 21st January, 7:30pm

Duck Race, At the burn side

Sunday 30th April, races start 2:30pm

Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham, LC Hall

Friday 19th May, 7:30pm

Ticket booking arrangements TBC in the new year

Morven Walk, meet at LC Hall

Saturday 27th May, meet at 10:30am

Fun Games

Saturday 24th June, afternoon

Community Café, LC Hall

1st Friday of every month from 9:45am

How to book the hall



You can book Logie Coldstone Hall by using our online form at www.logiecoldstone.org

or

by contacting our
Bookings Secretary at
lctrust2012@gmail.com

2016 Logie Coldstone events in words and pictures

Burns Supper

There was mirth and merriment aplenty at this year's Burns Supper where around 80 guests tucked into tasty haggis provided by HM Sheridan. The three course meal was expertly served by our trusty volunteers. Glynis and team kept the refreshments flowing and Sandy Moncur compered the evening in fine 'Sandy' style. Stuart Bull gave a highly entertaining rendition of Tam o' Shanter and delivered it with great gusto, taking us all on Tam's rollercoaster journey. In keeping with the spirit of Robert Burns, Greig Anderson toasted the lassies and Sylvia Anderson replied, stringing us along with 9 inches of racy, risqué, revelry from a female perspective - a comedic talent in Logie Coldstone has been uncovered! The evening continued with Burns songs from our very own singing group with beautiful accompaniment from Rachel Mather on fiddle and Les Inness on piano. Rob McCombie and Lewis Beddie on accordion kept the music and dancing going well into the night.

Inspired by one of our younger community members, Rosie, who has been poorly, it was decided that proceeds from this year's raffle would go to The Archie Foundation. Guests dug deep for this worthy cause and helped raise a record breaking raffle total of £325.

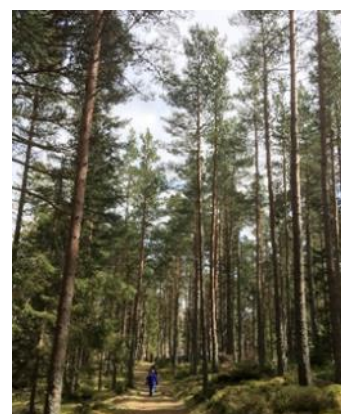


The Duck Race

The Logie Coldstone duck race along the woodland burn
Has all supporters cheering at every race in turn.
One hundred yellow plastic ducks - Ready, Steady, Go!
Flowing to the finish line, jostling to and fro.

First Sunday in the month of May among the Blelack trees,
The weather can be cruel or kind, this year, merely a breeze.
'Name the Duck' - the jackpot prize - What name could it be?
Time for it to be revealed - Daffy, Donald, or... Sandy?

Tea and coffee, cakes and bakes, many lend a hand
Setting up and planning - the community spirit is grand.
Children laughing, soaking wet, the afternoon is done.
In total raised six hundred pounds - what a quacking sum!



Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham

"Le Grand Anniversaire" – 30th Anniversary Tour



"Together Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of traditional music. With their musical magic and quick-witted humour they will pull your emotional strings one moment and have you falling off the seat with laughter the next. 2016 saw Aly and Phil mark many milestones. This was their 30th year of working together, Aly turned 70 (hard to believe!) in May and Phil also celebrated 40 years as a professional musician."



On the 18th May Aly and Phil entertained a sell-out crowd in the Logie Coldstone Hall which, no doubt, was the highlight gig of their anniversary tour. The audience were treated to a variety of tunes, old and new, which originated from various corners of the globe and blended seamlessly with

the jovial banter between Aly and Phil. Together they were so at ease with each other it was like being invited 'roon' to their place for a 'grand nicht oot' which indeed it proved to be!

Thanks to all who helped arrange this fantastic concert. How encouraging it is to see that we can attract such well known acts to our hall. We are fortunate to have such a pro-active committee promoting Logie Coldstone.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
FRIDAY 19th MAY 2017

Morven Walk



It was a glorious day for this year's annual Morven walk - a tradition that has been around for over twenty years now. Although most of the walkers were regulars there were also some new faces. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and also to make some new ones. There was lots of chat on the ascent and the usual debate on which turning

to take up the hill. Most of us were a lot quieter on the steep, final steps up to the summit. A wee celebratory nip of whisky at the top and then the knees were truly tested on the descent. When the ruin was in sight and we could hear the mad baaing of sheep, we knew the walk was almost complete. Then it was the best bit...the barbecue! We all sat out in the gorgeous sunshine of Logie Coldstone to enjoy a wonderful spread and plenty of refreshments while the children ran around and played games. I think it's fair to say the fun went on until the evening and we all had a ball.

Logie Coldstone Fun Games

The elements were kind to us on the day, even if it poured in surrounding areas, and the wind had tried to turn our marquee into a kite the day before! There was a wee bit more blowing though from our fine pipers, Katrina Lovie and Xander Ramsay, as they escorted Davie Soutar, First Responders, to raise the saltire (which, like the marquee, briefly had a mind of its own).



The games commenced with a mixture of good humour and fierce determination. The adult three-legged race was particularly heated (glad there are no photos of that!) and enormous fun. Adults and children of all ages ran, jumped, stumbled and threw. This year's winner of the much coveted



AG and JJ Smith Memorial Cup was our piper, Xander Ramsay, age 14. Teas, coffees and fine pieces were sold by the Trust. Other stalls sold a variety of 'must-have' crafts, raffles raffled great prizes, fortune's wheel was spun, treasure hunted, and the rat occasionally splatted. The bar offered well-deserved cold refreshments, and later, fine supper fare was available from Mo's Food Van.



There was great community spirit (both in and out of the bar) - truly one of the most fun events on the LCT calendar. Thanks go to all who helped to make the day possible, especially to John and Linda Diack for the use of the park, and raise £750 for Logie Coldstone Trust.

Thanks to all our fun games sponsors

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Commercial Hotel Tarland
The Bothy Ballater/ Braemar
Ted Emslie Ballater

Paper shop Ballater
Keillor Restaurant Hilton Grand Vacations,
Ballater
Michele Leil - Dee Mhor Therapies
Woodend Barn
Aberdeen Performing Arts
Belmont Filmhouse
Satrosphere

Coldstone Canterings

Many thanks to Stacey for arranging another successful Race Night which accumulated a fine tally for Logie Coldstone Trust. Thanks also to the race 'sponsors', 'owners', Glynis and those who attended the fixture to flutter.

During the evening, once the stakes were placed, the races held the audience captive and the tension in the hall was palpable. Small groans, whimpers and cheers could be heard along with some animated encouragement and exuberant discouragement for the racing horses as they thundered along the furlongs, some to the finish line.



The event trotted along with good going whilst the diverse mix of 'out to pasture' and 'poetry in motion' runners jockeyed together throughout the races and gave fodder to the race commentators to entertain and amuse the attendees- you have it from the horse's mouth.



Putting the Coldstone back into Logie Coldstone

Do you ever wonder how the place name 'Logie Coldstone' came about?

In 1618 the parishes of Logie-Mar and Coldstone were brought together to form Logie Coldstone.



The parish ministers from Logie-Mar and Coldstone set off from their respective kirks and the point at which they met became the location of a new kirk for the unified parish of Logie Coldstone. The parish of Logie-Mar included the area to the south of present day Logie Coldstone incorporating Blelack, Balnastraid, Ordie, Davan, Riven, Greystone and Leys. The parish of Coldstone is nearer present day Logie Coldstone and included the Newton, Kinaldie, Parks, Loanhead, Pitline, Knocksoul, and Balgrennie.

The name 'Logie' may be derived from the Gaelic word 'lagan' which means a hollow or low lying land. This 'Logie' was distinguished from the many others named 'Logie' by referring to it as Logie-Mar and sometimes, in earlier times, Logie Ruthvan. The old name of Logie Ruthvan was echoed in the name 'Ha' of Logie Rothwayne', the name given to the medieval fortification on the banks of Loch Davan, the site of which can still be distinguished. The site is listed on the RCHAMS web site. The first documented reference to 'Coldstone' seems to have been in 1275 AD in the old taxation records. It was recorded then as Col-essan (meaning corner of much water) but over the years was also recorded in many different forms, the final one for the Parish being Colquholdstone. It has also been suggested that the current name might come from the more similar sounding col-struan (corner of many streams). The church itself, which has now long gone stood on a hill, Kirkhill, as it is recorded on maps, next to the Coldstone graveyard.

Logie Coldstone School



It has been another busy, productive and fun year at our school.

Once a month the younger class have hosted the toddler group. The pupils have loved putting on plays, doing craft activities, playing games and reading to the little ones. This is an example of the unique family atmosphere that runs throughout the whole school.

This past year, the school has continued to hold a special place in the heart of the community. A fundraising family bingo night was well attended by locals and it was fabulous fun. Again, the community showed their support and generosity by coming to the 'soup lunch'. The children showed great entrepreneurial spirit by growing their own vegetables and producing their own delicious soups from the harvest. The lunch raised funds for Mary's Meals which helps provide food for children less fortunate. Our children showed their caring sides again when they collected pet treats, food, toys and bedding to donate to the SSPCA when they came to the school to tell us about the valuable work they do.

When the school held an open morning it was lovely to see what the children had been working on. Indeed, there was some role-reversal when parents had the opportunity to take part in lessons that the children had done in class!

Mrs Hayward has been bringing the exciting world of science to life on Mondays and this term we have welcomed Ms Andrusyszyn to the p5-7 class. As ever, music and drama have been a great confidence boost for many children and the pupils shone in their production of Sleepy Beauty. Visiting music teachers have provided the opportunity to study the fiddle or cello and Mrs Constable has engaged the whole school with music classes.



We also have some talented artists at the school. For the third year running, one of our pupils has won a place in the SCARF calendar competition which is open to all pupils in the North East of Scotland and promotes energy efficiency. Daniel Farquhar and Alice Murphy have been previous winners; this year the honour goes to Pearl Mur-

phy. The lucky winners are invited to be guests at The Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.





This term is always exciting with the build-up to Christmas! The children welcome everyone to their Nativity play on the 15th December in the hall and they will celebrate the end of term with a party. Perhaps we may get a visit from the man in the big red suit?!

The future is bright for the school and the appointment of our new head teacher is happening shortly. We can't wait to give you all our news in our next school newsletter!



Logie Coldstone Toddlers

Logie Coldstone Toddlers is a friendly group for toddlers, babies and their carers. We meet on Mondays at 10am in the hall. There is the usual playtime with toys, ride-ons and nursery rhymes plus snack for the tots and a cuppa for the adults is provided. This year we tried to grow seeds in the hall garden, alas the flowers didn't grow this time, but we are keen beans looking forward to trying again next year with a bit more compost dug in. To raise funds we sold lots of homegrown plants and had a 'guess the name of the bear' at the Logie Coldstone Fun Games, which was very successful.

Some of our other activities have included messy play with jelly, play dough, Makaton signing nursery rhymes and painting - all of which has gone down well with the children. We had an early spring visit to soft play at Storybook Glen and Den. We also have a monthly visit to Logie Coldstone School, during which the primary 1-4 class share songs, crafts, stories and mini plays with the Toddlers. The school visit is always very enjoyable. New faces are always welcome, so pop along to say Hello!



Logie Coldstone Activities Update

Cromar Walking to Health Group



There is much publicity at present about the benefits of walking; it can also be a lot of fun. Why not come along and give it a try. We meet every Thursday afternoon outside Logie Coldstone Hall at 1.30pm. We walk at a gentle pace for approximately one hour, in and around Logie Coldstone and then return to the hall for a cup of tea and a home bake. If the weather prevents us walking we still meet at the hall, do a few exercises (not nearly as bad as it sounds!) and have an earlier cup of tea and a longer chat.

We are a small, very friendly and supportive group of people who thoroughly enjoy walking together and are always happy to welcome new members to the group.

If you are interested in joining us just turn up at the hall on any Thursday, or if you would like more information give me a call on 013398 81558. **Anne Heath (Group Leader)**

SWI

The SWI welcomes all new members to our meetings or just come along as a guest. We meet every second Wednesday of the month from September to May. We hold our meetings in the hall at 7.30 where you will get a warm welcome and a beautiful fly. If you would like any more information please contact President Rachel Mather on 07876821073.

December 14th 2016

Christmas Nails and Make Up by Emma Murphy(Kallos Beauty) along with Gilleen Morrison's Body Shop at Home (raising funds for Vasculitis Research)

January 11th 2017

Lynne Skinner - pyrography

February 8th 2017

Games Night

March 8th 2017

Photos by Murdo, local photographer

April 12th 2017

Business meeting

May 10th 2017

Syllabus



Craft group

The Craft Group is a very informal group who meet every second Wednesday morning in the Hall between 10am and noon.



We take whatever hand work we are working on, have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and enjoy a relaxing two hours of companionable time. It is not necessary to do anything complicated, just whatever you fancy. I have used the time to mend hems and sew on buttons, etc – those little things that often get forgotten. Other ladies sew, knit or do other crafts. While at the moment the group is made up of ladies, gentlemen are also most welcome. Also especially welcome are parents with small children who enjoy the freedom the space gives them. Adults contribute £2 per session to cover the cost of the hall when they attend.

The Library van visits on a Wednesday morning between 10.30 -11am and it usually coincides with Craft Group.

Just come along on the morning or for further information call Joyce on 07771715293

The dates for this year are: November 23*, December 7, 21*, January 11, 25*, February 8, 22*
*denotes library van

Badminton

Logie Coldstone badminton club is a competitive but very friendly badminton club that welcomes players, young and old, of all levels.

Absolute beginners, social players, regular players are all welcome. Rackets available to borrow if needed. Sessions are £3 per player per time and are pay as you go.

We play every Wednesday from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. We look forward to seeing you.



The Reading Group

Logie Coldstone Reading Group (otherwise known as ELSIE) gathers in the meeting room of the hall every six weeks. It is a very informal group with the emphasis on social! We bring our own refreshments.

Books are generally chosen from Aberdeenshire Libraries Reading Groups collection from which we have made a selection. Examples of what we have read so far include: Oryx and Crake, The Wasp Factory, The Lake House and Far from the Madding Crowd.



New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be 6 January 2017.

Logie Coldstone Activities Update

Community Café

The community cafe has continued to go from strength to strength. The warmth of its welcome combined with the quality of its home bakes have established it as Logie Coldstone's first choice go to venue for a "nice cuppa and fine piece" In fact with children's laughter and the buzz of local folk sharing news it has an ambiance that many a more cosmopolitan venue can only envy.

Craft stalls add interest on occasions and all those budding entrepreneurs or established crafters should note that tables are free!

The cafe is held from 9.45 to 11.30 on the first Friday of the month. It is run by volunteers and any help with donations of home baking, setting up on on the Thursday evening around 7.30 or help on the Friday morning would be very much appreciated.



Logie Coldstone Hall Garden



To match the fine hall refurbishments we are keeping the field and weeds at bay from the hall beds and ultimately aim to have attractive, low maintenance, wild-life friendly planting with year round interest.

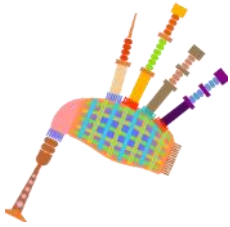


Our elite team of volunteers (new helpers are welcomed with open arms) have mulched weeded, planted and even watered (it has been amazingly dry) over the past year to help establish a backbone of Guelder Rose and Berberis shrubs to which we can add colour and more interest as time goes on.



For ground cover there is cotoneaster, periwinkle and a very slow starting Euonymus. Behind the recycling bins, the ever-greens are off to a slow start so we have companioned them with geraniums and are hoping for more vigorous growth next year. Also we have planted daffodils, bluebells and tulips for a spring show. Many thanks for grants from various bodies and all the volunteers' hard work.





Logie Coldstone Piping Group

The Logie Coldstone piping group (Katrina, the band leader, Mary, Shannon, Torin, and Xander) have brought a wonderful Scottish atmosphere to a great many community events. Every week on Friday at four o'clock they practice hard at the hall to be the very best they can be for our community spirit. At the Hogmanay party they piped in the New Year with Mhari's Wedding, Skye Boat Song and Amazing Grace and at the Logie Coldstone Fun Games they officially opened it by piping up the Scottish flag. The tunes they played were; The Bonny Lass of Fyvie, Bonny Gallowa and the Green Hills of Tyrol.

For this Hogmanay party, they have an awesome repertoire at their disposal, after yet another year of enlightening themselves in the art of piping.



Pro-Fitness Cross Training continues with evening classes at Logie Coldstone Hall

Mondays - Cardio Kick - 6.30pm - A fun, non-contact kick-boxing class set to great music. Suitable for all levels of fitness, a great steady state cardio session. No equipment needed.



Tuesdays - Kettlebell Core - 6.30pm - A total body workout that will increase your lean muscle tissue and help you develop a strong core. Suitable for all abilities. Kettlebells are provided.

Thursdays - Metasculpt - 6.30pm - High Intensity Interval Training. This is a fantastic way to burn body fat and increase muscle tone. Work to your own capability and build up stamina and strength. All equipment provided.

All classes cost £5 and are available on a walk-in basis - come and join the fun!

Pro-Fitness Personal Training offers one-to-one training sessions, nutritional programs and bespoke training programs. Consultations are free so for more information visit www.pro-fitness.training or email profitnesspersonaltraining121@gmail.com to book an appointment.

Lisa is also involved in a new business '7Seeds' – 5 day or weekend retreats which aim "to transform women's lives through giving you the confidence to pursue your goals and live the life you want." For more information visit their website: www.7seeds.co.uk

Pensioners Christmas Meal



The Friends Of Logie Coldstone Pensioners are organising the Christmas meal and have set a date for the 8th of December in Logie Coldstone Hall at 5.30. If, for any reason, we have missed you out previously or if you have recently become eligible please get in touch with Kathleen on 01339881195 and we will include you this year.

Days gone by at Logie Coldstone School



Thank you to Shirley Esson and Aly Anderson who helped us to identify the children in this picture. They are:

Back row left to right: Jim Robertson, Sandy Robertson, Bill Gill, Gilbert Clark, Ally Anderson, William McGinley. **Middle row:** Kenneth Mair, James McGinley, Jack Ferguson, Wullie Robertson, Gordon McAllan, Arthur Riach, David Gibbon. **Front row:** Carol Munro, Hazel McConnach, Sheila Smith, Rosie Michie, Meggie Simpson, Helen Stewart, Olive Smith, Wilma Blaikie, Kate Coutts.

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